

Senate Resolution 687

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Dr. Carl Gordon on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born in Albany on October 25, 1927, Dr. Carl Gordon earned his Bachelor of
4 Science from the Hampton Institute and then his Master of Science in chemistry from the
5 Tuskegee Institute, after which he spent several years as a chemistry instructor at Lincoln
6 University and Albany State University before attending medical school; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Meharry Medical College, Dr. Gordon joined the United
8 States Army, completing his internship at the Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco and
9 later completing his surgical residency at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.,
10 where he was the hospital's first black surgeon; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon's service in the Army was marked with great distinction, and while
12 serving as the commanding officer at an evacuation hospital, this brilliant physician helped
13 develop a new approach to surgery that would raise the survival rate of incoming wounded
14 soldiers above 90 percent; Dr. Gordon retired as Lieutenant Colonel in 1968, but he joined
15 the United States Army Reserves in 1981, where in 1991 he retired again as a Colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, beginning in 1968, Dr. Gordon ran a successful private practice in Albany for
17 35 years, during which he spent one year as the Chief of Staff at Phoebe Putney Memorial
18 Hospital and served two terms as chairman of the hospital's board, culminating in the hospital
19 naming him as a Board Member Emeritus; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon retired from his surgical practice but was called out of retirement
21 to serve the medical needs of his fellow veterans as a primary care physician at the VA clinic
22 run by Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon has been an invaluable member of the medical community for many
2 years, and his courageous and honorable service has touched the lives of countless patients
3 and their families.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 join in commending Dr. Carl Gordon for his many years of distinguished practice of
6 medicine and extend their sincere best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Carl Gordon.